

## **APG Conference Programme 4-6 January 2015**

### **Accommodation**

All conference participants who are booked for the full package, including accommodation, will be staying at The Midland Hotel, Peter St, Manchester, M60 2DS <http://www.ghotels.co.uk/our-locations/the-midland-manchester/>

### **Sunday**

All events will be held at the Midland Hotel,

4.30-5.30pm - conference registration.

5.30pm - 6pm - Drinks Reception

7.00pm - Keynote Address: Professor Andrew Rudalevige, Thomas Brackett Reed Professor of Government, Bowdoin College: 'The Obama Presidency and Congress: From Glory to Gridlock'

7.30pm - Conference Dinner

### **Monday**

All events will be held at Manchester Metropolitan University Business School.

Directions and travel information can be found here: <http://www2.mmu.ac.uk/travel//>

A map of the MMU campus can be found here: <http://www2.mmu.ac.uk/travel/manchester/>

9.30-11.00

Panel A

Chair: John Dumbrell

Luke Middup (Portsmouth Business School/Cranwell) 'Diplomacy and the Vietnam War 1965 - 1968'

Kasper Grotle Rasmussen (University of Southern Denmark), 'A Rational Liberal: Carl Kaysen as Deputy National Security Advisor, 1961-1963'.

Ben Walker (University of Manchester), 'The US, the Philippines and the Cold War'.

Panel B

Chair: Eddie Ashbee

Helen Knowles (Skidmore College), '"The signs of the times seem to demand this view": Joel Tiffany's *A Treatise on the Unconstitutionality of American Slavery*'.

Natalie Johnson (Francis Marion University), ' Law and Marriage: State Development, 1942- 2012'

Alex Waddan (University of Leicester), 'Implementing Obamacare: The Case of Medicaid'

11.00-11.30 Break, Tea and Coffee

11.30-13.00

Panel A

Chair: Steve Hurst

Propaganda and the Cold War

Linda Risso (University of Reading), 'Building upon our strengths: Western propaganda from the Marshall Plan to the Atlantic alliance'.

Patrick Major (University of Reading), 'Outfoxed: The State Department, Twentieth Century-Fox and *The Desert Fox*, 1951'.

Mara Oliva (University of Reading), ' Covert Cold War: Eisenhower, the CIA and the People's Republic of China'.

Panel B

Chair: Andy Wroe

John Herbert (University of Keele), ' Speaking in Political Time: The Deployment of Former Presidents in Presidential Rhetoric, 1932-2013'.

Howell Williams (New School for Social Research), 'The language of family values: Reagan and Clinton'.

Eddie Ashbee (Copenhagen Business School), 'Exporting APD: American and British political development'.

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30

Panel: 'Increasing Returns, Path Dependence and the Study of Politics'

Eddie Ashbee, (Copenhagen Business School), John Herbert, (Keele University), Andrew Rudalevige, (Bowdoin College), Alex Waddan, (University of Leicester)

It is now almost fifteen years since the *American Political Science Review* published Paul Pierson's article "Increasing Returns, Path Dependence and the Study of Politics" (94:2, June 2000, 251 – 267). This panel / roundtable will reflect upon the article, the concept of path dependence, the extent to which the concept has survived subsequent scholarly debate, and its relevance to the study of US politics.

15.30-16.00 Break, Tea and Coffee

16.00-17.30

Panel A

Chair: John Herbert

Nawzad Shukri (University of Leicester), 'US foreign policy towards Iraqi Kurdistan 2003-2014'.

Mark Meirowitz, (SUNY) 'Contemporary US-Turkish Relations'.

Panel B

Chair: Tom Packer

William Sheward, (University of Winchester), 'Today's Democrats : Lyndon Johnson's Heirs No Longer?'

Robert A. Williams (University of Huddersfield), 'We Want To Be Heard': a Political Ethnography of the Libertarian Party of Ohio'.

Marie-Catherine Wavreille (Centre d'étude de la vie politique (CEVIPOL), Université libre de Bruxelles), 'Campaign spending in ballot proposition campaigns: Evidence from the 2014 November elections'.

David Morgan, 'Reforming Congress: Challenges and Legacy of the Watergate Era in the House of Representatives'.

17.30-18.30 APG Annual General Meeting

Free Evening

## Tuesday

9.30-11.00

Panel: 'The Discipline of Politics in America: Origins, Problems and Prospects'

Louisa Hotson, (University of Oxford), Nathan Pinkonski, (University of Oxford), Tom Packer, (Warwick University and the Rothermere American Institute University of Oxford), Stephen Welch, (University of Durham).

This panel reflects growing interest in the origins and trajectory of American political science, and aims to explore critical perspectives and future alternatives, grounding these not only philosophically but also in terms of the practical context of the discipline, as it has developed over time. Louisa Hotson discusses the mid-century consolidation of American political science and its relationship with large shifts in conceptualizing the 'fundamental problems' of democracy that were underway at the time. Nathan Pinkonski examines Leo Strauss's resistance to the emerging assumptions dominating American political science. Tom Packer considers the problems raised by the American context itself for a generalizing science of politics, including the distinctive form and evolution of U.S. political parties, the role of racial difference in its history, and America's material and cultural influence in the world. Stephen Welch investigates the positivist basis of American political science, arguing that philosophical critique successfully exposes some defects but misdiagnoses them, and instead finding an explanation (and potential alternative trajectories) in the 'disciplinary positivist' consolidation of the discipline itself.

11.00-11.30 Break, Tea and Coffee

11.30-13.00

Panel A

Chair: Mara Oliva

Khemis Mohamed (Université Kasdi Merbah Ouargla, Algérie), 'The American Future Security Scenarios of 2035: Content Analysis of Quadrennial Defense Review of 2014'.

Steve Hurst (Manchester Metropolitan University) and Andrew Wroe (University of Kent), 'Dead Centre or Holding Centre? Partisan Polarization and US Foreign Policy'.

Panel B

Chair: Alex Waddan

John Berg (Suffolk University), 'The Politics of Coal: Labor and Environmental Issues'

Brian Jacobs (University of Staffordshire), 'Trade unions and politics in New York City: Towards a political economy'.

Ron Mendel (University of Northampton), 'The Occupy movements of 2012: Old Wine in New Bottles or New Wine in Old Bottles?'

13.00-14.00 Lunch, conference closes.